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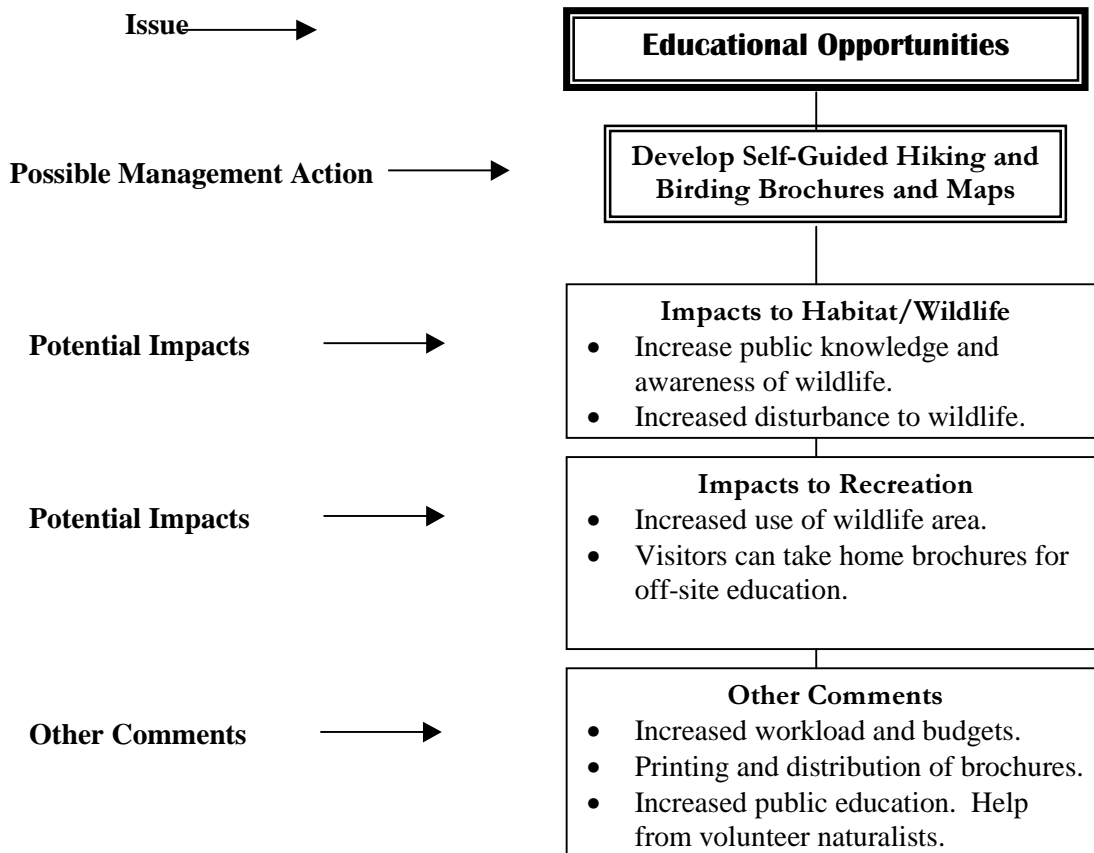
Participants at the Powell Marsh Wildlife Area Issue Forum identified several areas on the Marsh that would need to be considered when developing the master plan alternatives. As part of the remote review of the master plan process, we would like to present this information and allow the entire public an opportunity to provide their input. These areas are:

- Management of Flowages/Water
- Grassy Upland Areas
- Vegetation Management of Open Peatlands
- Wildlife Management
- Recreation Management
- Educational Opportunities
- Wooded Areas on Fringes of Marsh
- WDNR Coordination with Lac Du Flambeau Tribe

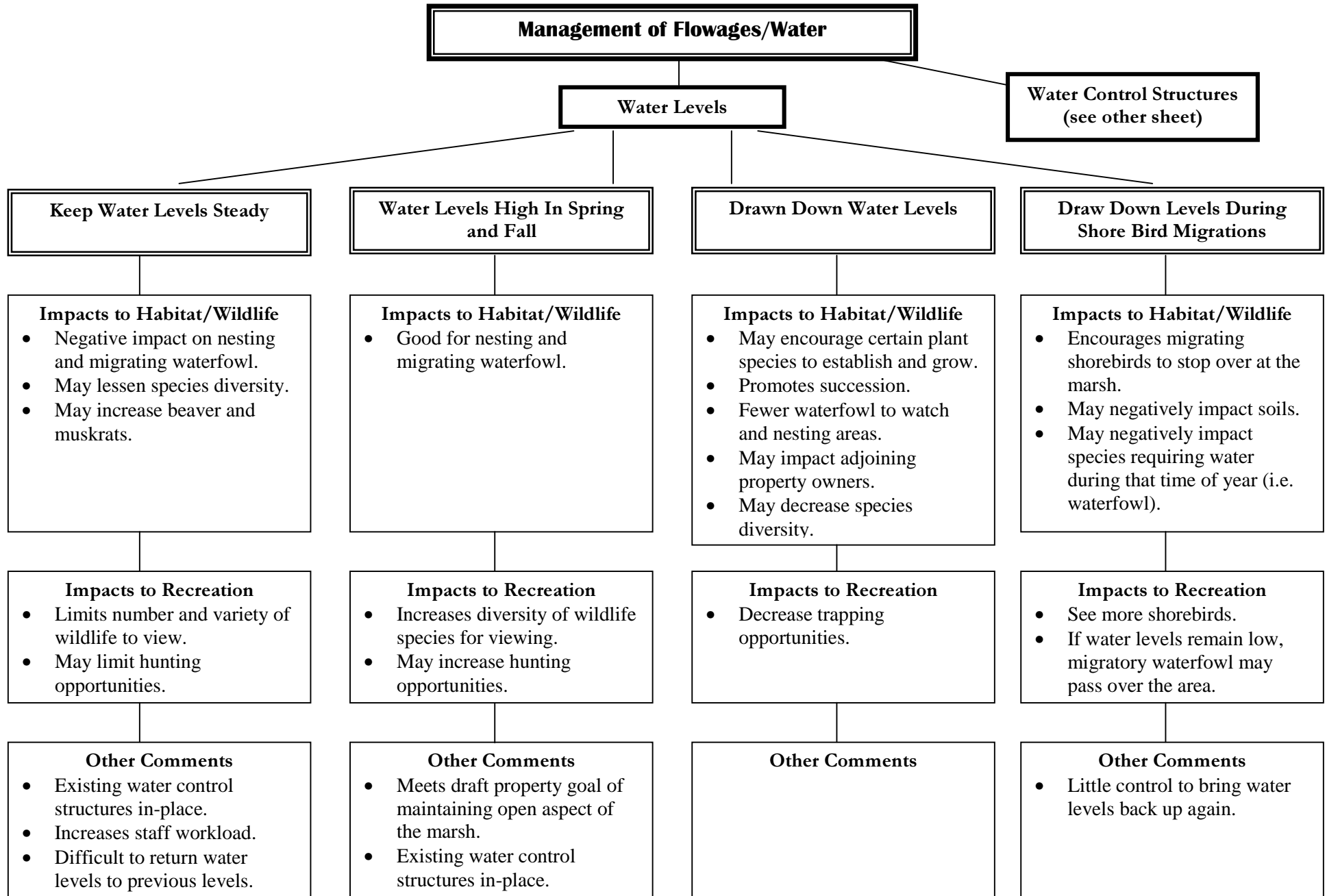
We have summarized the public's issue identification in charts. The public's list of possible management actions for each issue are listed. Underneath each management action, department staff outlined impacts to habitat and wildlife and recreation from that action. (See below for example).

Please send us your comments on the identified management actions as well as on our staff analysis. Feel free to add any additional management actions along with your supporting comments. **Please return your comments by April 23, 1999.** This information will be summarized and compiled and presented at the May 15, 1999 public meeting in Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin.

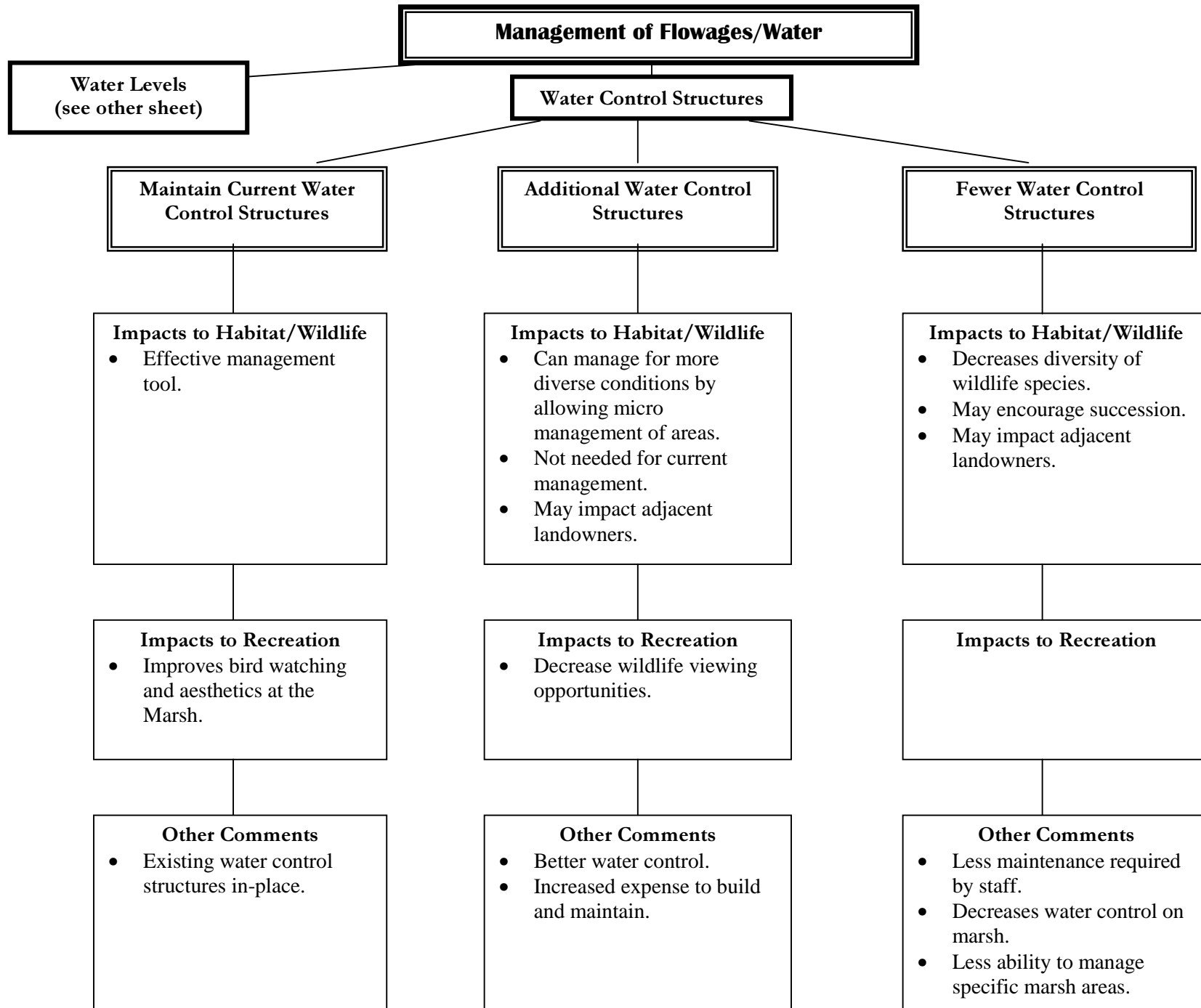
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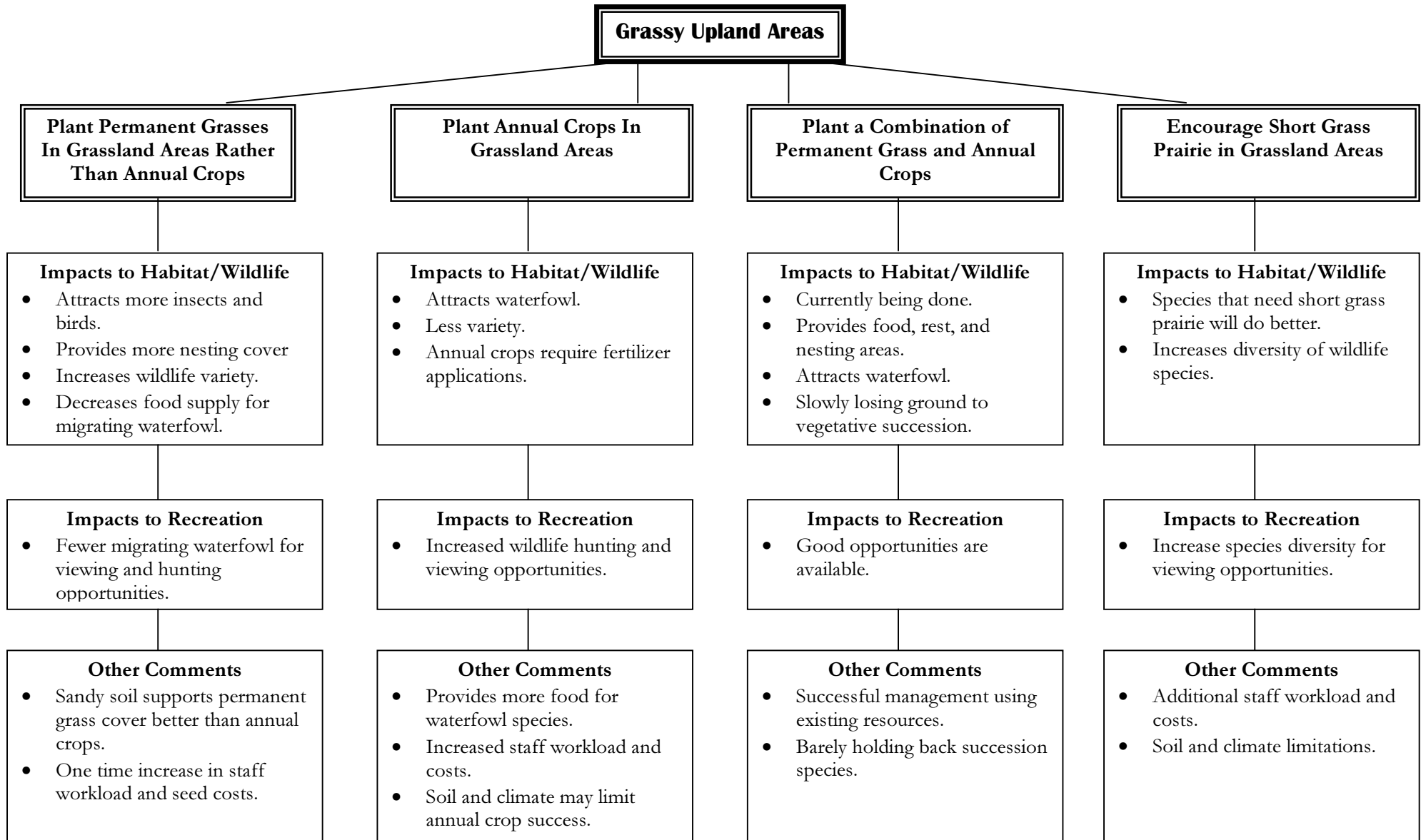
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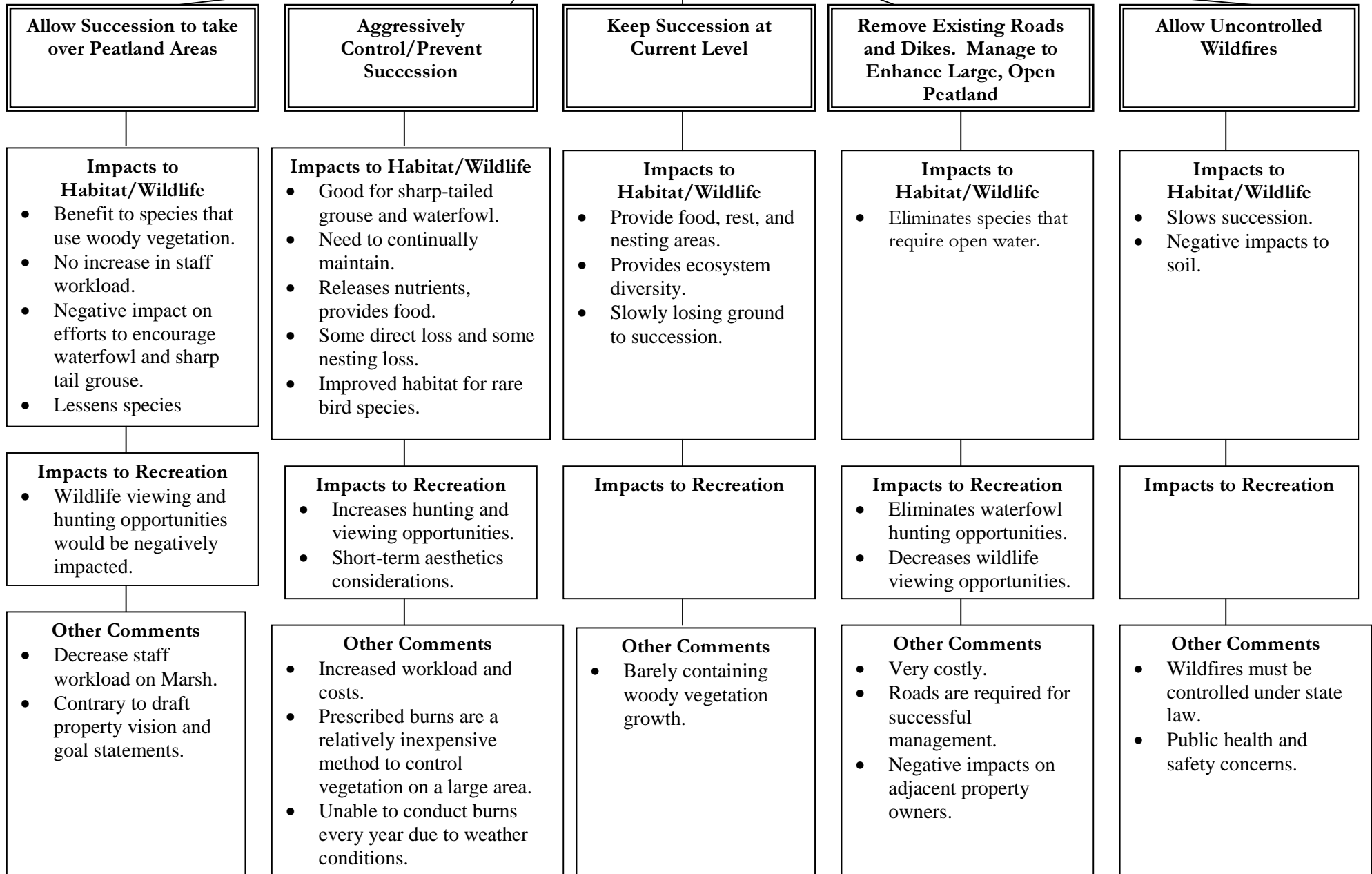


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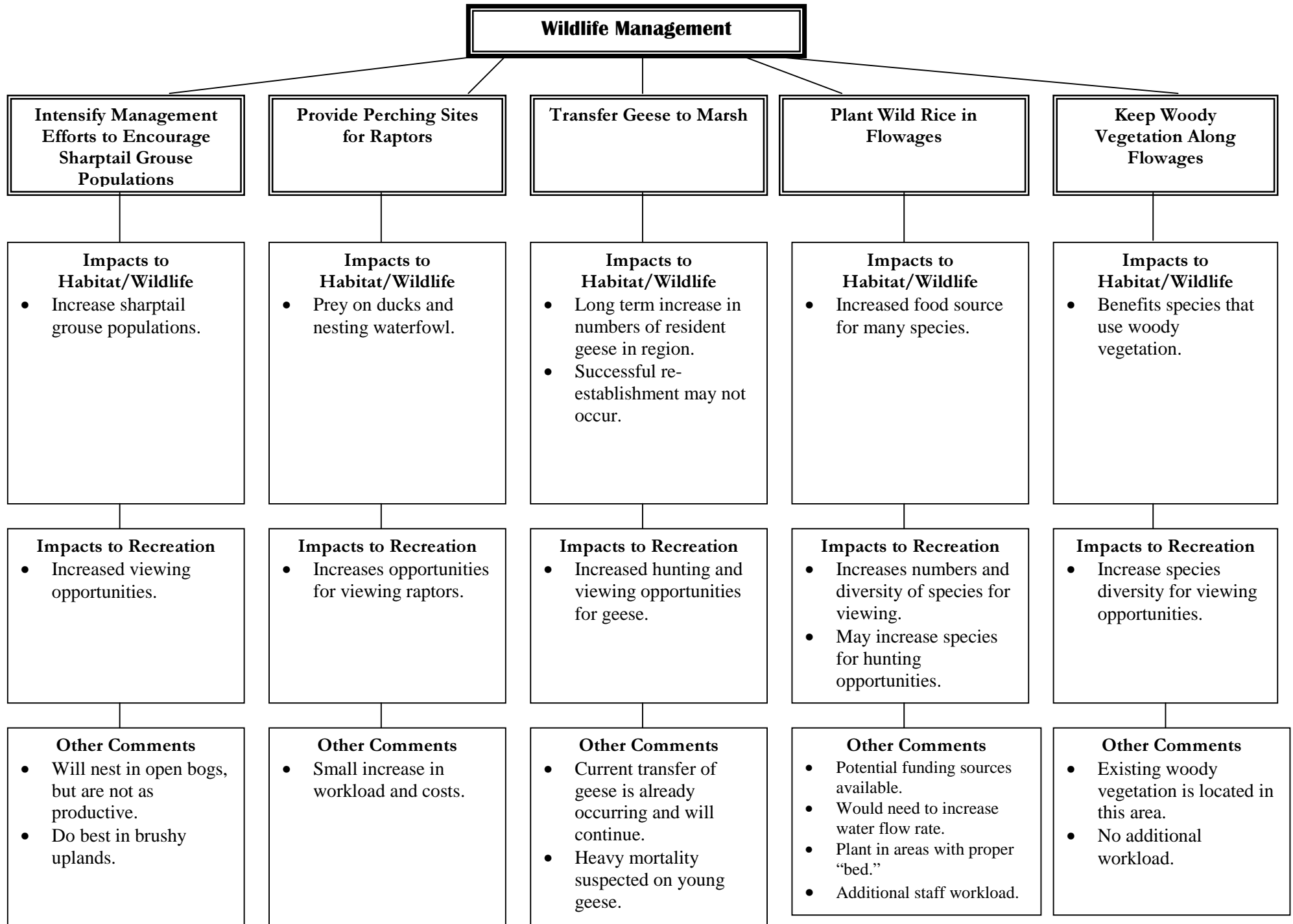


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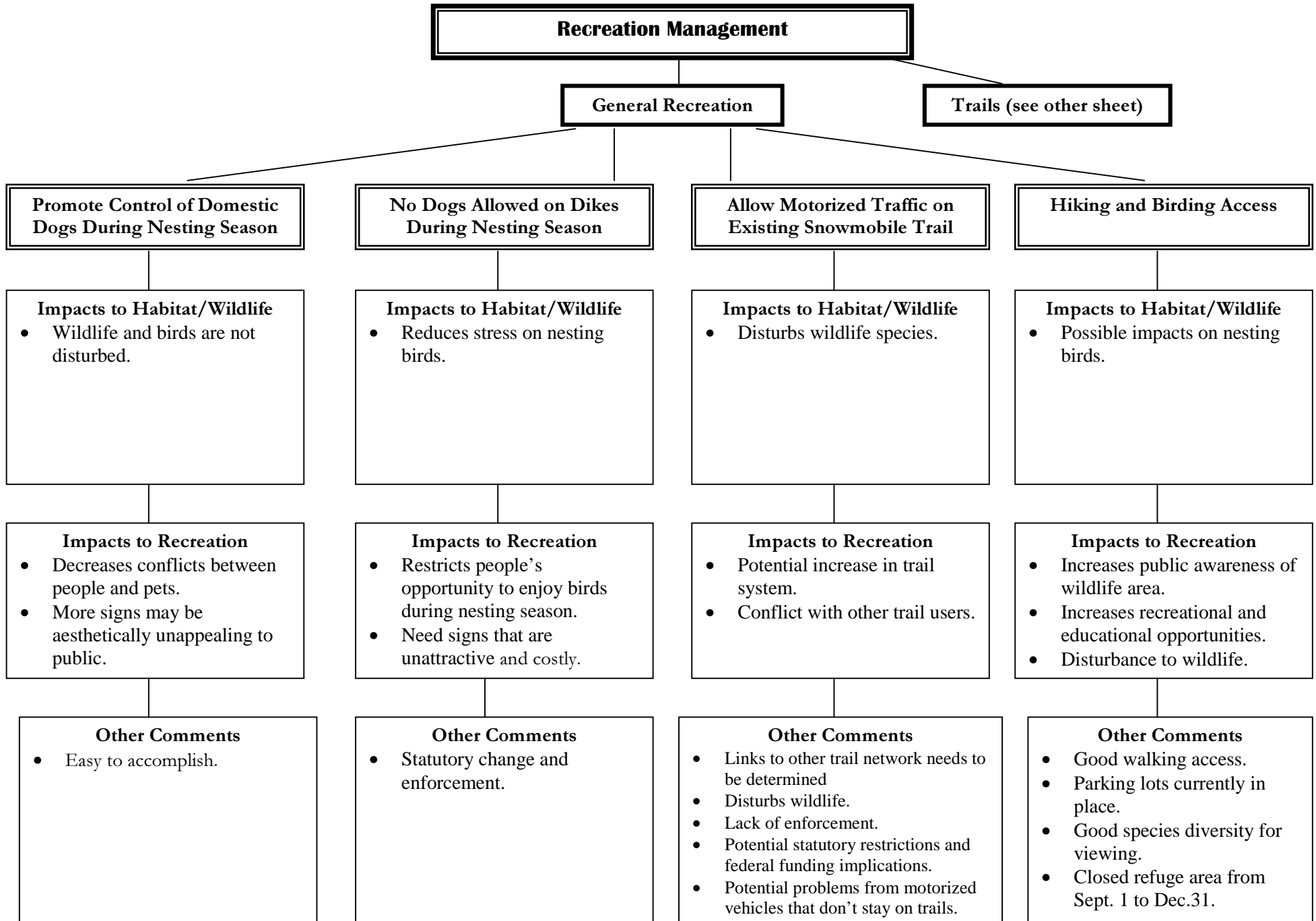
Vegetation Management of Open Peatlands



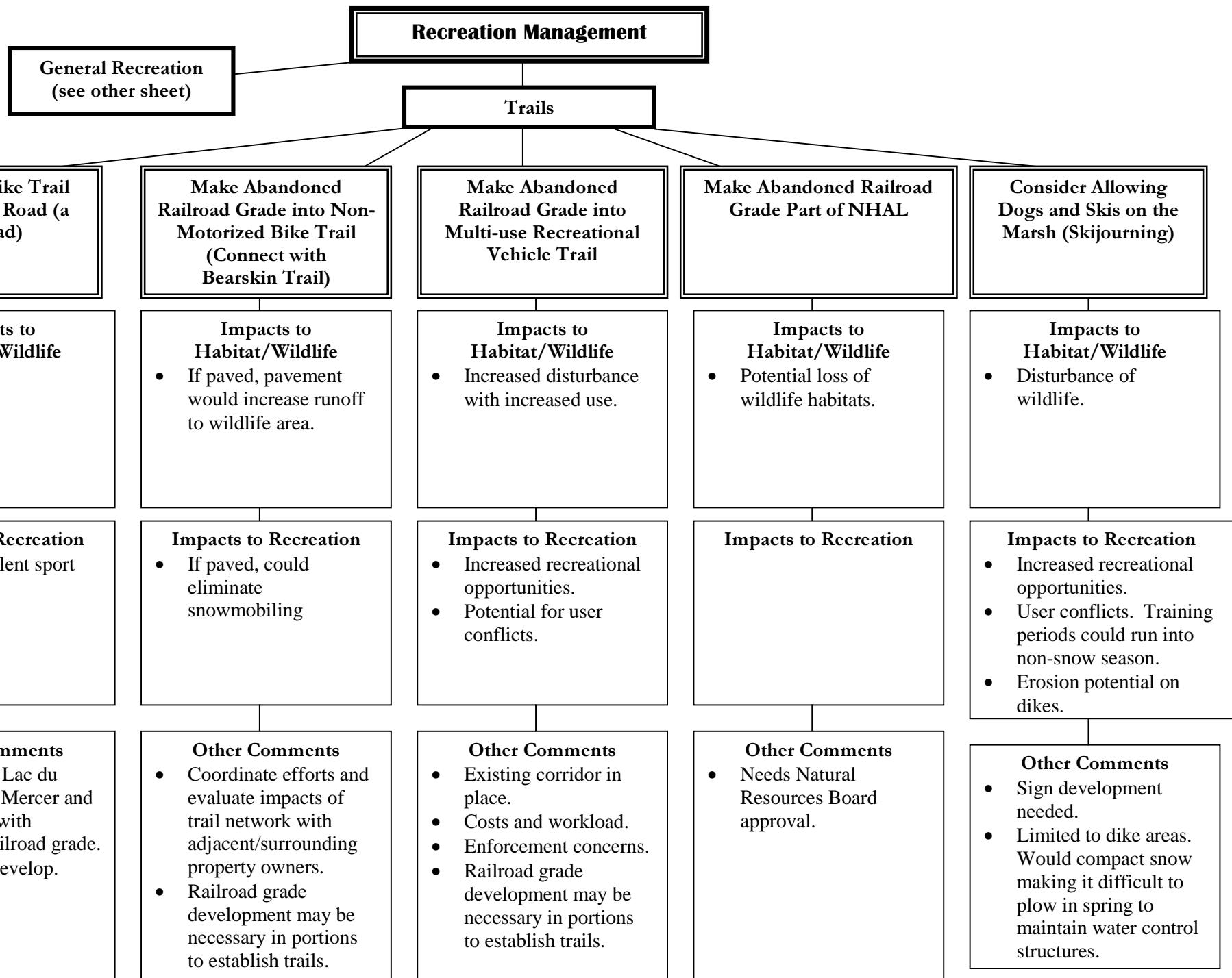
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Educational Opportunities

Increase Education and Learning Opportunities (e.g. Wildlife Walks, Naturalist Hikes)

- Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife**
- Increased public awareness and knowledge of wildlife and marsh.
 - May divert staff from other critical management activities.

- Impacts to Recreation**
- Attract more visitors to marsh.

- Other Comments**
- Staff workload and budgets to develop and maintain.
 - Potential for brochures for self-guided tour.
 - Remote location limits participation.

Decrease Education and Learning Opportunities (e.g. Wildlife Walks, Naturalist Hikes)

- Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife**
- Devote time to other management priorities on Marsh.
 - Could have negative impact on future funding for wildlife.

Impacts to Recreation

- Other Comments**
- Contrary to draft property vision and goal statements.
 - Decrease workload.

Develop Self-Guided Hiking and Birding Brochures and Maps

- Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife**
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of wildlife.
 - Increased disturbance to wildlife.

- Impacts to Recreation**
- Increased use of wildlife area.
 - Visitors can take home brochures for off-site education.

- Other Comments**
- Increased workload and budgets.
 - Printing and distribution of brochures.
 - Increased public education. Help from volunteer naturalists.

Create Hiking Trail(s) with Interpretive Signs on Dikes

- Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife**
- Increase public knowledge and awareness of wildlife.
 - Promote public health.
 - Increased disturbance to wildlife with increased use.

- Impacts to Recreation**
- Increased use of wildlife area.

- Other Comments**
- Increased workload and budget. Increased maintenance costs. Public safety concerns.
 - Dikes and roads are currently in place.
 - Promote integrated ecosystem theme.

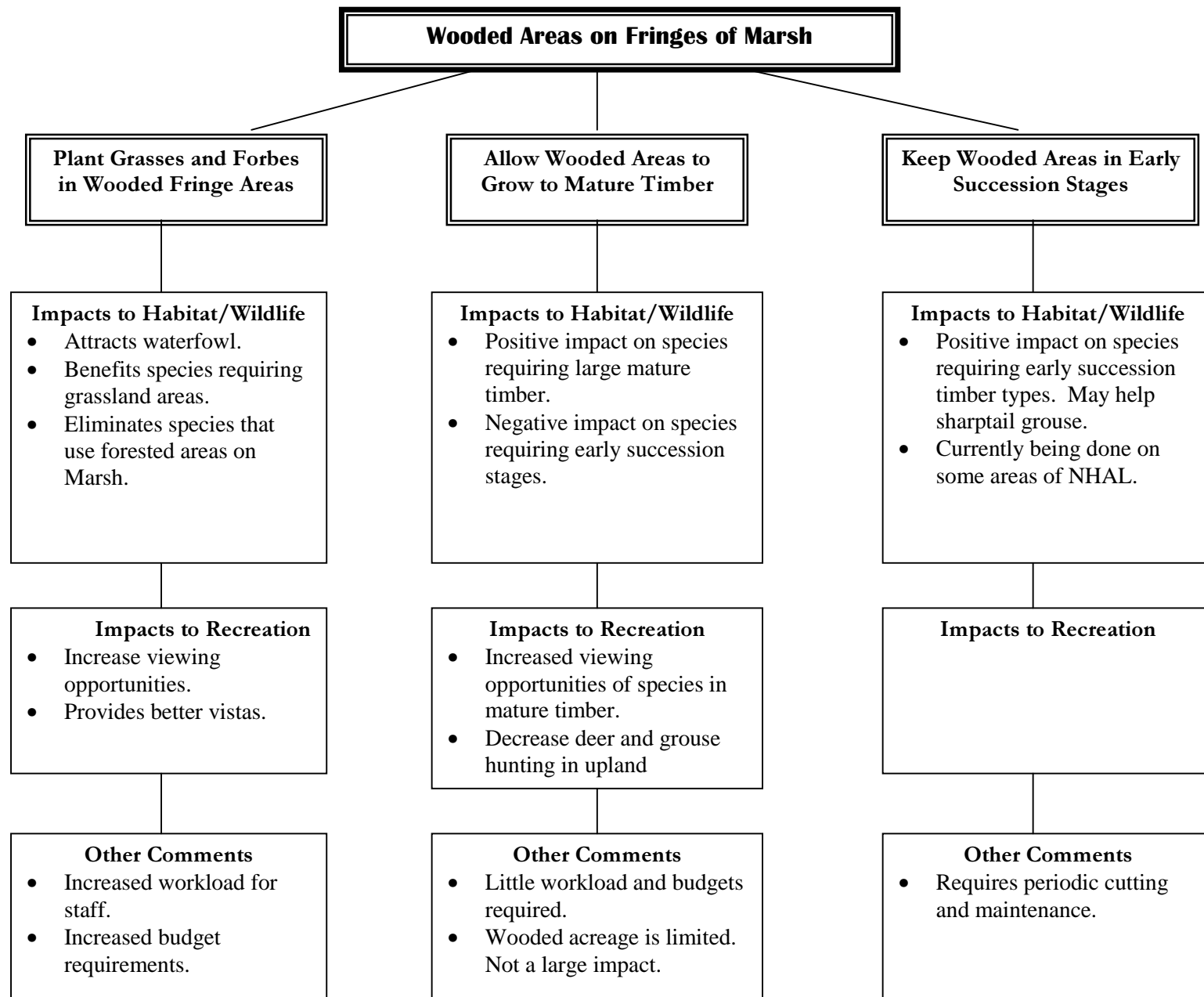
Increase Disabled Access at Vista or West Side Parking Lot

Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife

- Impacts to Recreation**
- Increased use of wildlife area.

- Other Comments**
- Staff workload, costs and maintenance.
 - Increase handicap accessibility. Terrain is flat.
 - May promote accessibility.

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WDNR and Lac du Flambeau Coordination

Work with Lac Du Flambeau Biologists on Adjacent Tribal-Owned Marsh .

Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife

- Integration of time and funds to perform similar work.
- Positive impact on non-target species.
- Allow entire marsh complex to be managed in a similar fashion.

Impacts to Recreation

Other Comments

- Require routine communication on management strategies.
- Currently employing a lot of the same management strategies.

Work with Lac Du Flambeau to Remove Tamarack Between Property Boundaries of State-Owned and Tribal Owned Marsh Land

Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife

- Retain open aspect of Marsh.
- Eliminate species that use tamarack in this border area.

Impacts to Recreation

- Increased hunting opportunities and increase ability to see across the marsh.

Other Comments

- Like management programs working together.
- Time, personnel and equipment efficiencies.

Joint Tribal/WDNR Burning Crews

Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife

- Controls succession.

Impacts to Recreation

- Increased hunting opportunities.

Other Comments

- Potential for burning larger areas.
- Coordination of two different fire fighting crews.

Consider Long term Goals, Impacts, Results of Management (100 years or more)

Impacts to Habitat/Wildlife

- Long-range planning benefits.

Impacts to Recreation

- Important to think long-term and anticipate and react to changing opportunities and threats.

Other Comments

- Long-range planning strategies.
- Management prescriptions should not be considered short-term.
- Difficult to predict future with changing socio-economic situations.
- Management actions can improve through years.